

# RAAF MEMORIAL PLAQUE UNVEILING AND DEDICATION

Blairs Hut Picnic Ground and Mt. Disappointment Summit THURSDAY 5 August 2021

The public are invited to the RAAF Memorial Plaque unveiling and dedication service to be held on 5 August on Mt. Disappointment. This is in remembrance of the eight young RAAF airmen who lost their lives on Mt. Disappointment. It is the 79<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Beaufighter crash. In the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the RAAF we are in remembrance to all RAAF airmen who lost their lives serving our country.

**11.00 AM-** Start of Service. Guests to be seated prior to the 30-minute service at Blairs Hut Picnic Ground. Please bring your own chairs and be adequately dressed for the cold conditions anticipated. Service includes Squadron Leader Michael Veitch as guest speaker.

After the service at 11:30 am, those that are fit and prepared are invited to walk the two kilometres uphill to the summit via the walking track. Those walking should wear nonslip boots or shoes and should be dressed in warm clothing with waterproof outer gear. Carry water. The track is likely to be quite slippery and muddy. Conditions on the summit are cold and exposed.

## **12:30 PM- Summit RAAF Plaque Unveiling and Dedication**

The plaque will be unveiled and wreaths and will be flowers laid by families, the RAAF, RSL, Friends of Disappointment, Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group, and others.

The closing address- Thankyou and a brief reflection on the 79<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Beaufighter loss by researcher, Les Lewis.

## **12:45 PM- Conclusion and return walk to Blairs Hut Carpark.**

It is your responsibility to be adequately dressed and to be prepared for the conditions of the day. No liability or responsibility is held by the organisers.

The event will follow the Covid -19 requirements as specified by the government for the day of the event and the location. Please follow social distancing requirements at the two services and whilst on the walking track.

